

RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2012
6:00 P.M.

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 W 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m., with Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier and Brian Sheehan answering roll call. Also present were Mike Selke, WIFE Radio, and Melissa Conrad, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES

Minutes of the August 17, 2012 meeting were presented for approval. Bridges made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pavey reported:

1. Thanked everyone for attending the news conference announcing the EDA grant.
2. Read a thank you from Ralph & Eileen Mitchell for the kind words and the proclamation before they moved from Rushville.
3. Passed out a registration forms for CDBG training for elected officials. We will be hosting the session on the 25th of October.
4. Received word from the Health Department that West Nile Virus has been discovered in Rush County. The first set that was found was dead, but the second set was alive. You can check the City's Facebook page for more details.
5. Per State Board of Accounts' request we will be preparing contracts for those organizations to which we give an annual donation.
6. The City has been awarded a grant from Rush Shelby Energy under Operation Roundup. This is to help with the audio visual equipment for Board of Works and Council meetings.
7. Thanked the Historic Foundation for the displays at City Hall.
8. September 8 there will be a Gospel Sing at the amphitheater.
9. The employee picnic is this Saturday. If you have not turned in your reservations yet, please let us know as soon as possible.
10. This Saturday is the last concert.
11. The Booker T Washington golf outing is this Saturday. If anyone is interested in playing in the tournament contact Bill Goins. There will also be a reception Friday at the Elks at 7:00 p.m.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Bridges passed out information on wind turbines for Council's review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Comprehensive Plan – Pavey said he had a cover sheet from the old comprehensive plan, but all the names of those involved are not listed.

Councilman Smith said they are hoping to get the questionnaire out by the end of August or Labor Day.

Employee Benefit Committee – A meeting to discuss the FLSA for the Fire Department is scheduled for August 27th at 6:00 p.m.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Park – Mathews said the Gospel Sing will be September 8th. He said they have a very impressive lineup and encouraged all to attend.

Fire - Chief Jenkins informed Council that three properties were affirmed for demolition plus a fine of \$5,000.00. Another property has been deeded to the City and Geoff Wesling is working on another property. These two properties would also be demolished.

Jenkins also passed out an updated list of unsafe properties.

CITIZEN CONCERNS

Dr. John Williams said the theme for this school year is “Together We Can”. He passed out bracelets with this logo. He thanked the City for their support. He also said with everyone’s cooperation we will continue to make what is good even better.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Riverside Park Contract – Pavey asked Council if they had reviewed the contract. Berkemeier said he would like to see an itemized list added to item 3P. Bridges said we also need to put in the number of hours the City will provide. Pavey said 3 hours per week should be sufficient. Berkemeier made a motion to approve with the amendments. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Property Purchase 231 Water Street – It has been discovered through the survey that the building extends 27 feet onto the neighboring property. Revisions are being made.

Wind Turbine Generator – Berkemeier said he had done some research and put together a summary and sent it to Mr. Tolliver. He said because of safety issues in this location there is not sufficient space. Therefore, it was the recommendation of Berkemeier not to approve this location for a wind turbine generator.

Bridges asked Berkemeier to ask the APC to consider implementing a policy to follow.

NEW BUSINESS

16th Street Status – Pavey said Bungee has submitted their design for the track crossing and has been approved. The goal is to have the project bid next spring for construction next summer.

Memorandum of Understanding Road Transfer – The State Highway has asked us to sign off on the re-routing of State Road 44. Sheehan made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the road transfer. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EDA Grant – Redevelopment Commission Chairman, John McCane informed Council that the Redevelopment Commission met earlier today to discuss the EDA grant for the North Industrial Park and the financing options for our match. He said we could either go through a bond or the Redevelopment Commission's recommendation was to ask the City to borrow from the City's Electric Liquidation Fund and pay that back with interest at the fair market value. McCane noted that by borrowing from this fund it would save \$335,000.00 by not going through the bond process, plus with the low interest rates the City would also receive additional revenue from the interest that would be paid on the loan. He said this would keep the money in the community and would also allow us to begin the project quicker.

Bridges made a motion to allow the Mayor to sign the Financial Assistance Award Form in regard to the EDA grant.

Sheehan made a motion to approve ordinance 2012-17 which is a "Home Rule" ordinance. Authorizing loans to be made from the Electric Liquidation Fund. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

IHCDA Housing Resolution 2012-11 – Bridges made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-11 for a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$373,500.00. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims – Conner made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was no further business to come before Council; Conner made a motion to adjourn. Sheehan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MAYOR

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MEMBER

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BRIAN G. CONNER, MEMBER

CRAIG A. SMITH, MEMBER

BRADLEY A. BERKEMEIER, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER